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BLUE MAX RACE - RACE INSTRUCTIONS

Date: March 20, 1982

Entries & Registration: The Standard Race Entry Blank should be in the hands of the Race Committee by March 19, 1982 with a \$7.50 entry fee. Send entries to: David Parrish, 11916 Little Creek Lane, Jacksonville, Fl. 32217, or in person at the NFCC meeting on March 17, 1982. No entries will be accepted by phone.

Skippers Meeting: NONE. These race instructions will act in lieu of a Skippers Meeting.

Start: The fleet will start as one class at 0900 hours, with the warning signal at 0850. The starting line will be between a staff displaying a race committee flag on the committee boat and a marker which will be stationed on the western side of the St. Johns River between the Buckman Bridge and Doctors Inlet.

Course: Start in a southerly direction and sail to Palatka leaving <u>all</u> channel markers to the proper side.

Finish: Finish between the committee boat and channel marker 47. The committee boat will be stationsed 270° from channel marker 47 on the western side of the river. The race will officially end at 2100 hours. All yachts finishing after dark are responsible to make their identy known to the committee boat.

Individual Recall: Will be signalled by displaying code flag "X" with one horn. The race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of the yachts concerned.

General Recall: Will be signalled by displaying code flag "First Substitute" with multiple blasts of the horn. After a general recall has been signalled, a new preparatory signal will be made one minute after the lowering of code flag "First Substitute" with one cannon.

Eligibility: All yachts racing in P.H.R.F. classes are required to have a valid certificate issued by U.S. PHRF of N.E. Florida.

Classes: The PHRF fleet will be broken into Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes. A minimum of five (5) boats will constitute a one design class.

Management:

The race will be under the management of the North Florida Cruising Club. It is the responsibility of the owner and the master of each yacht to see that his vessel is seaworthy in hull, rig and gear and the responsibility for accident or injury to any vessel or crew suffered in any way from any cause during or related to the race.

Racing Rules:

This race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of the International Yacht Racing Union as adopted by the U. S. Yacht Racing Union.

Penalties:

The 720° turns penalty as provided in rule 74.5 and appendix 3. Alternative Penalties for infringement of a rule of Part IV, of the yacht racing rules shall apply for infringement of a rule of Part IV.

Protests:

All protests must be presented in writing following the race. Notice of protest must also be given immediately after finishing by a HAIL acknowledged by the Race Committee.

Results & Trophy Presentation: Results will be mailed to all entrants when tabulated. Trophies will be presented at the North Florida Cruising Club meeting on April 15, 1982.

Shortened Course: The Race Committee, at its discretion, may shorten the course in order to finish the race within the time limit. The Race Committee may anchor at any channel marker and finish the race between the Committee boat and the channel marker.

NFCC BLUE MAX RACE

(To Palatka)

Saturday, March 20, 1982

Start 0900

ENTRIES:

The Standard Race Entry Blank should be in the hands of the Race Committee prior to March 19th with a \$7.50 entry fee. Send entries to: J. Russell Nazzaro, 10 Marsh Drive, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250, or make in person at the North Florida Cruising Club meeting on March 19th. No entries will be accepted by phone.

ELIGIBILITY:

Yachts requiring measurement must have a valid measurement rating certificate. Yachts must be single-hulled vessels of thoroughly seaworthy type, strongly built and rigged, properly ballasted, with enclosed cabin.

MANAGEMENT:

The race will be under the management of the North Florida Cruising Club which shall have full power to interpret these conditions. It is the responsibility of the owner and the master of each yacht to see that his vessel is seaworthy in hull, rig and gear, and the responsibility for accident or injury to any vessel or crew suffered in any way from any cause during or related to the race.

RACING RULES:

The current Racing Rules of the International Yacht Racing Union as adopted by the U.S. Yacht Racing Union shall govern except as modified by these instructions.

IDENTIFI-CATION: Participants are requested to show sail numbers to the Committee, within hailing distance, prior to starting.

PROTESTS:

Protests must be made in accordance with the effective rules of the USYRU. All protests must be in writing and presented to the Race Committee immediately following the race. Notice of protest must also be given immediately after finishing by a HAIL acknowledged by the Committee. Standard protest forms will be available.

PENALTY:

Graduated penalties as provided in Appendix 3 of the 1977 Racing Rules will apply. The Committee may also impose penalties for infringement of these sailing instructions.

INSPECTION:

The committee reserves the right to request an inspection of an entrant without prior notice and may accept or reject the entry based on its findings.

All yachts shall have complete equipment as specified in the Recommended Maximum Equipment and Accommodations Standards for race category four as shown in the USYRU Offshore Equipment lists dated 1974.

CREW:

The minimum crew shall be three persons. Any change in the crew listed on the entry form must be reported to the race committee prior to the start of the race.

SKIPPERS
MEETING:

None-These instructions will act in lieu of the Skippers Meeting.

SPECIAL LIMITATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: Motors will not be sealed, but use of engines for propulsion after the Preparatory Signal is prohibited, except for rescue purposes and emergencies.

START-COURSE-FINISH: The fleet will start as one class at 0900 hours, with the warning signal at 0850 hours.

- a. Start in a southerly direction between the committee boat and marker which will be stationed on the western side of the St. Johns River between the Buckman Bridge and Doctors Inlet.
- b. Sail to Palatka leaving all channel markers to the proper side.
- c. Finish between the committee boat and channel marker 47.

 The committee boat will be stationed 270° from channel marker 47 on the western side of the river. The race will officially end at 2100 hours. All yachts finishing after dark are responsible to make their identity known to the committee boat.

RETURN TO PORT:

After you have crossed the finish line, you may proceed to port. The city piers and one side of the pier at the Holiday Inn will be available for docking. A fee is charged for docking at the Holiday Inn and those anticipating using these facilities should contact NFCC Fleet Captain for Cruise (Tom Dickenson - H-388-2036 B-384-1308) for more information.

ABANDONING THE RACE: Any yachts abandoning the race and not continuing on to Palatka shall notify their intentions to other yachts in the race who will relay this information to the race committee, or call the Holiday Inn in Palatka, Tel. # 904-328-3481, leaving skipper and boat's name with message of abandonment for the race committee.

RESULTS AND TROPHY PRES-ENTATION:

> General Information Length of race - 35.5 Nautical Miles